GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:360
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2003
NEW NATIONAL POWER POLICY
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a National Power Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 360 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LO SABHA ON 14.08.2003 REGARDING NEW NATIONAL POWER POLICY.

(a) & (b) : The Electricity Act, 2003 has come into force w.e.f. 10th June, 2003. Section 3(1) of the Act provides that the Central Government shall, from time to time, prepare the National Electricity Policy, in consultation with the State Governments and the Central Electricity Authority for development of the power system based on optimal utilization of resources such as coal, natural gas, nuclear substances or materials, hydro and renewable sources of energy. Section 79(2) also provides that the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission shall advise the Central Government, inter alia, on formulation of National Electricity Policy.

The process has been initiated.